

Claim Amendment Discussed During Interview

1-20. (Previously Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A system for multivariable comparison of financial information, comprising:

a client interface to a user operative to receive weightable search information, the weightable search information comprising user-selected quantitative search criteria and user-selected weighting criteria, the weighting criteria reflecting user-defined levels of importance for one or more of the quantitative search criteria; and

a search interface, communicating with the client interface, the search interface operative to interrogate at least one network-enabled information source according to the weightable search information to generate search results;

wherein the financial information comprises a plurality of investment funds, each having multiple quantitative investment fund variables associated therewith; **and**

the search interface is operative to compare the quantitative investment fund variables with the user-selected quantitative search criteria and the user-selected weighting criteria to generate search results comprising:

a first set of investment funds that do not satisfy all of the user-selected quantitative search criteria, but which satisfy the overall user-defined criteria based on the combination of the user-selected weighting criteria and the user-selected quantitative criteria, **wherein the search results indicate the level the search results match the weighted criteria;**

the search interface operative to perform subsequent searches within stored results of a prior search to limit search results when existing search criteria values are revised;

the search interface operative to perform other subsequent searches to interrogate at least one network-enabled information source to expand search results when criteria are added; and

the search interface operative to recalculate and represent the result indicators which indicate the level the search results match the weighted criteria.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the one or more investment funds comprise one or more mutual funds.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, further comprising a results interface operative to display the search results to the user.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the results interface comprises a graphical user interface operative to display the one or more investment funds in a sortable list.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the one or more investment funds comprise one or more mutual funds, and the results interface is operative to receive requests for a prospectus for one or more of the one or more mutual funds.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the one or more investment funds comprise one or more mutual funds, and the results interface is operative to receive requests for an application for one or more of the one or more mutual funds.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the search results further comprise a second set of search results comprising investment funds that satisfy all of the user-selected quantitative search criteria.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for multivariable comparison of financial information, comprising:

a) receiving weightable search information from a client interface, the weightable search information comprising user-selected quantitative search criteria and user-selected weighting criteria, the weighting criteria reflecting user-defined levels of importance for one or more of the quantitative search criteria; and

b) accessing at least one network-enabled information source comprising financial information regarding a plurality of investment funds, each investment fund having multiple quantitative investment fund variables associated therewith;

c) comparing the quantitative investment fund variables with the user-selected quantitative search criteria and the user-selected weighting criteria₁ ~~and~~

d) generating search results comprising:

a first set of investment funds that do not satisfy all of the user-selected quantitative search criteria, but which satisfy the overall user-defined criteria based on the combination of the user-selected weighting criteria and the user-selected quantitative criteria, wherein the search results indicate the level the search results match the weighted criteria;

e) performing subsequent searches comprising:

searching within stored results of a prior search to limit search results when existing search criteria values are revised;

interrogating at least one network-enabled information source to expand search results when criteria are added;

recalculating and represent the result indicators which indicate the level the search results match the weighted criteria.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more investment funds comprise one or more mutual funds.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising displaying the search results to the user.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein displaying the search results to the user comprises displaying the one or more investment funds in a sortable list on a graphical user interface.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the one or more investment funds comprise one or more mutual funds, and the method further comprises receiving a request for a prospectus for one or more of the one or more mutual funds.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the one or more investment funds comprise one or more mutual funds, and the method further comprises receiving an application for one or more of the one or more mutual funds.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein generating search results further comprises:

generating a second set of search results comprising investment funds that satisfy all of the user-selected quantitative search criteria.

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